



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-1015)**

In re Application of:)
Raman et al.) **Group Art Unit: 2143**
Serial No.: 10/004,116) **Examiner: Avellino, Joseph E.**
Filed: November 2, 2001) **Confirmation No.: 8024**
For: Method and System for Load Balancing) **Customer No.: 20306**

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 7, 2005

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2005. Please enter the following remarks and amendments into the record for this application. In addition, a
10 Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), along with the requisite fee is also enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.